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SUBJECT: GOB ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1. THE FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED IN BRIDGETOWN
AND PEKING ON MAY 31, 1977:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE INTERESTS
OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, HAVE DECIDED BY COMMON CONSENT TO ES-
TABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA RE-
SPECTS THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT PURSUED BY THE THE GOVERNMENT
OF BARBADOS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS RECOGNISES THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT
OF CHINA.

"THE TWO GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY
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RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO CUNTRIES ON
THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, MUTUAL NON-
AGGRESSION, NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S IN-
TERNAL AFFAIRS, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND PEACEFUL
CO-EXISTENCE.

"THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED MUTUALLY TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT AND FRIENDLY CONSULTATIONS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE".

IN COMMENTING ON THE COMMUNIQUE, MINEXTAFF HENRY FORDE SAID: "TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE NEW DIRECTION OF THIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

"AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE LOGIC OF OUR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSITION DEMANDS THAT BARBADOS SHOULD TAKE A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. IN THIS MATTER THERE ALSO SEEMS NO GOOD REASON WHY BARBADOS SHOULD REMAIN OUT OF STEP WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

"TODAY'S DECISION IS ALSO EVIDENCE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO COPE WITH GLOBAL ISSUES AND DIFFICULTIES WITHIN A FRAMEWORK THAT ALLOWS FOR ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEEPENING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO OUR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, THROUGH INCREASED TRADE, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. AND THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL RELATIONS.
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